

To Mr. Michael Powell and the FCC:

I want to add myself to the growing list of Americans opposed to more media mergers, particularly as it pertains to expanding the number and type of media a company can own in one metropolitan area. This is a potential danger, you can not ignore..

Too many media consolidations will limit the voices, viewpoints and perspectives available in communities throughout the United States.

Information is power. Influence vested in a central major media source naturally reduces the information, denies consumers, the American voters, ability to make balanced judgments. You must, we do, recognize the danger of vesting our information flow under control of a few people who may have their own agenda. Your job is to protect this access, expanding, not restricting the number of news sources that can influence us all. You must protect and promote the free exchange of ideas. It makes a stronger nation. This is too important for you to be persuaded to serve the desires of a few.

Think about this,
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